# **NEW** MEDICARE ID CARDS

This past April, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced they will no longer include Social Security Numbers (SSNs) on Medicare ID cards. New Medicare ID Cards with a unique Medicare number, called a Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI), will replace the current SSN-based Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN). These new Medicare ID cards will be distributed from CMS in phases by geographic location from April 2018 through April 2019.

# MEDICARE HEALTH INSURANCE Name/Nombre JOHN L SMITH Medicare Number/Número de Medicare 1EG4-TE5-MK72 Entitled to/Con derecho a HOSPITAL (PART A) MEDICAL (PART B) O3-01-2016 03-01-2016

### WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Due to this change, all ProCare MA15 and GNYMA15 applications have been updated to accommodate either the current SSN-based Health Insurance Claim Number or the future MBI number.

Please update your supplies by the end of the year using the Automated Supply Order Form at https://www.unitedamerican.com/logon.

### HOW WILL THE MBI LOOK ON THE NEW CARD?

The MBI will contain letters and numbers. Here's an example: 1EG4-TE5-MK72

- The MBI's 2nd, 5th, 8th, and 9th characters will always be a letter.
- Characters 1, 4, 7, 10, and 11 will always be a number.
- The 3rd and 6th characters will be a letter or a number.
- The dashes aren't used as part of the MBI. They won't be entered into computer systems or used in file formats.

### MBI FORMAT

| Pos. | 1 | 2 | 3  | 4 | 5 | 6  | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|------|---|---|----|---|---|----|---|---|---|----|----|
| Туре | C | Α | AN | Ν | Α | AN | N | Α | Α | N  | N  |

## WHERE WILL THE MBI'S CHARACTERS GO?

**C** – Numeric 1 thru 9 **N** – Numeric 0 thru 9 **AN** – Either A or N **A** – Alphabetic Character (A...Z); Excluding (S, L, O, I, B, Z)

- **Position 1** numeric values 1 thru 9
- **Position 2** alphabetic values A thru Z (excluding S, L, O, I, B, Z)
- Position 3 alpha-numeric values 0 thru 9 and A thru Z (excluding S, L, O, I, B, Z)
- **Position 4** numeric values 0 thru 9
- Position 5 alphabetic values A thru Z (excluding S, L, O, I, B, Z)
- Position 6 alpha-numeric values 0 thru 9 and A thru Z (excluding S, L, O, I, B, Z)
- Position 7 numeric values 0 thru 9
- Position 8 alphabetic values A thru Z (excluding S, L, O, I, B, Z)
- Position 9 alphabetic values A thru Z (excluding S, L, O, I, B, Z)
- Position 10 numeric values 0 thru 9
- Position 11 numeric values 0 thru 9

